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OF  
CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE GRAND LODGE  
OF  
**Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons**  
OF CANADA,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



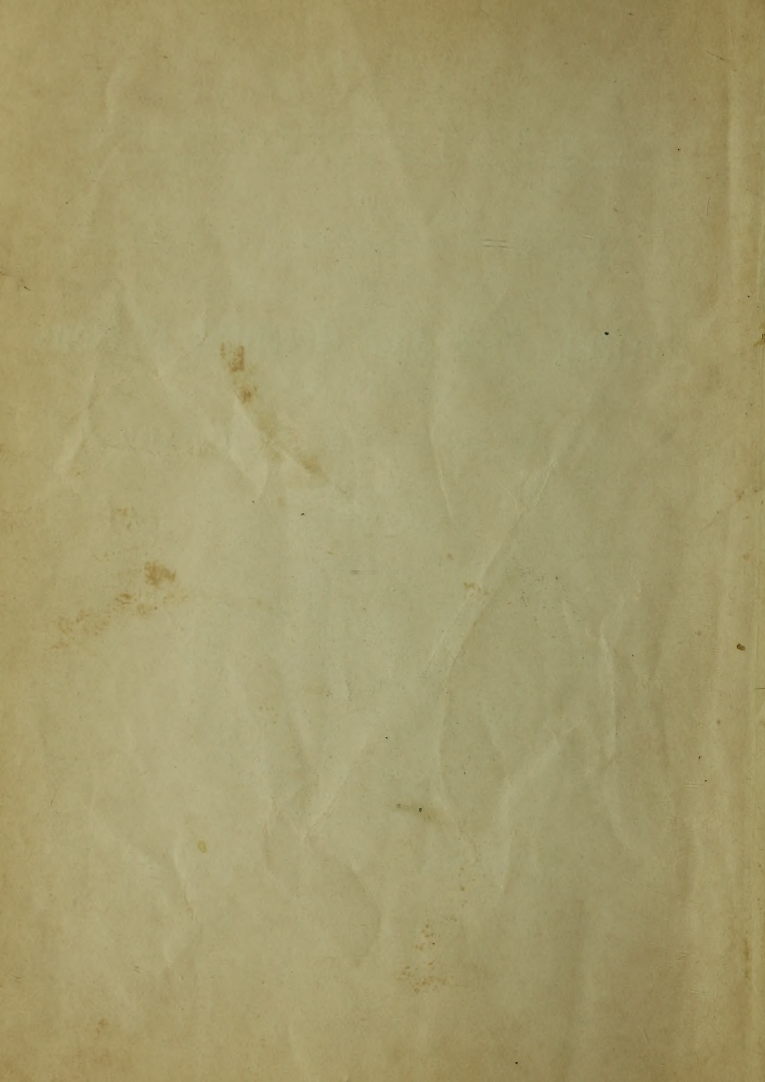
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*The Grand Lodge having resolved:*

That a new edition of the Book of Constitution, with all necessary corrections and alterations theretofore made by the Grand Lodge, be forthwith printed; the Grand Secretary has, in accordance with that resolution, superintended the publication of this edition, including all corrections and alterations to the present time.

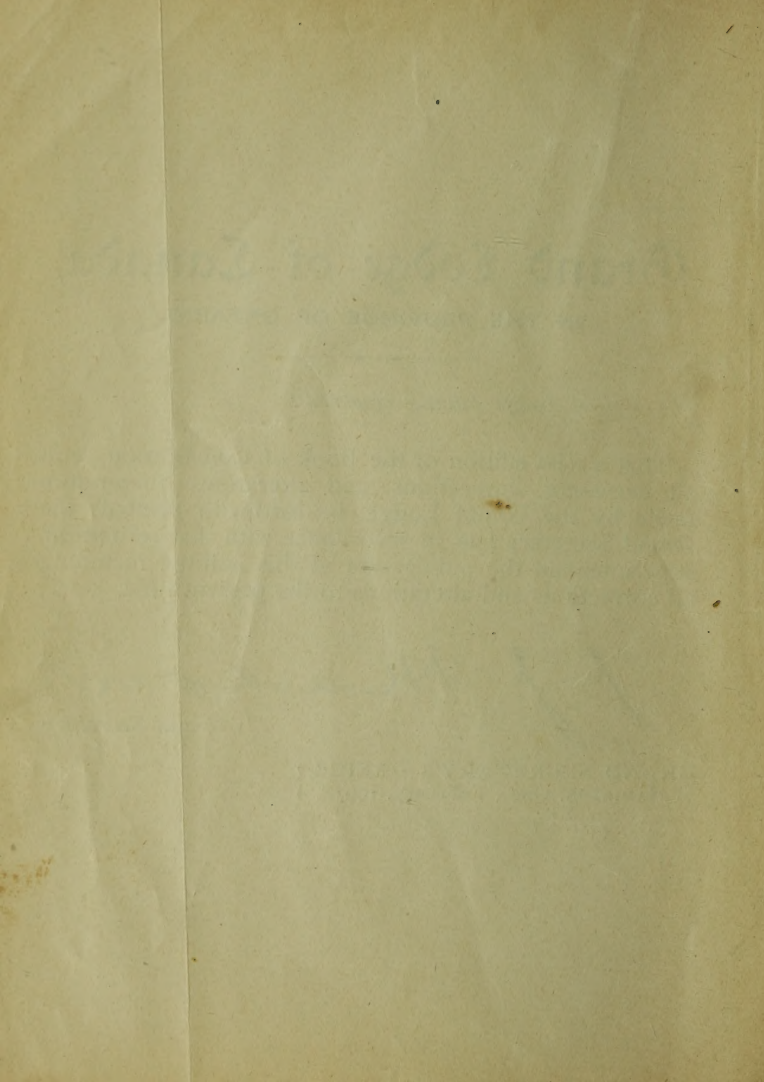
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THE  
CHARGES OF A FREEMASON

EXTRACTED FROM THE  
ANTIENT RECORDS OF LODGES THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD.

FOR THE USE OF LODGES.

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TO BE READ AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN,  
OR WHEN THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

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## THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON.

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- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
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- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
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  5. At home and in your neighborhood.
  6. Towards a strange Brother.
- VII. Antient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

# The Charges of a Freemason, Etc.

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## I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order provided he believe in the architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus, Masonry is the center of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.



## II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

## III.—OF LODGES.

A lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons, is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to

some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and general regulations of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft may be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons and admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

#### IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he is a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the

art, or serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor a grand master until he has been fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

*N. B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the lodge.*

## V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the



time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him or put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

## VI.—OF BEHAVIOUR, Viz.:

### I.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversation without leave from the master, nor to talk of anything impertinently, or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens or any brother speaking to the master: nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the

grand lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE  
BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN THE BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT  
STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and with-

out encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before, nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill-manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT  
MASONS.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated: and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.



6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be other-

wise decided ; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of masters and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with more alacrity and success ; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren ; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, *so mote it be.*

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*Summary of the ANTIEN T CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Grand Secretary (or acting Secretary) to the MASTER-ELECT, prior to his installation into the chair of the Lodge.*

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

2. You are to be a peaceful subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the grand master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the grand lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovation in the body of masonry

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the grand lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the grand master; and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, of any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of masons clothed with the badge of the order can take place without the special license of the grand master, except a Masonic funeral.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any lodge, without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the grand lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

At the conclusion the grand master or installing officer addresses the master-elect as follows:—"Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations, as masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the ceremony of installation proceeds.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF CANADA. IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the fraternity in the Province of Ontario all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario."

2. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed

3. At each annual communication the following officers, and five members of the board of general purposes, shall be elected, viz :

By ballot of the grand lodge—

The most worshipful the grand master.

The right worshipful the deputy grand master.

By ballot of the grand lodge after nomination, as hereinafter provided—

The right worshipful the grand senior warden.  
The right worshipful the grand junior warde.n  
The right worshipful the grand chaplain.  
The right worshipful the grand treasurer.  
The right worshipful the grand registrar.  
The right worshipful the grand secretary.  
Five members of the board of general purposes.

3a. Any member of grand lodge may nominate a brother who is eligible as a candidate for any of the above elective offices.

3b. No brother's name shall be submitted to ballot at any communication for more than one of such offices.

3c. Any brother nominated for more than one of such elective offices may withdraw his name from either or all of such nominations at any time before the vote is taken, and in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall only be submitted to ballot for the senior office to which he has been nominated to be elected.

3d. The place of holding the next annual communication shall be decided by ballot.

3e. Nominations for any elective office for which nominations are required, and for the board of general purposes, and for the place of holding the next annual communication, shall be by writing delivered to the grand secretary between the fifteenth day preceding the first day, and six o'clock in the evening of the first day of the communication. The grand secretary shall cause a list of such nominations to be printed and distributed

before the opening of grand lodge on the second day of the communication.

3f. Every ballot paper shall contain:

(a) A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

(b) A list of the elective offices in rotation.

(c) Properly designated spaces into which may be written: I. The names of brethren voted for. II. The place of meeting of the next communication voted for.

(d) The number of votes cast with each ballot.

3h. The grand master or presiding officer shall, after the close of the grand lodge on the first day of the communication, appoint and announce the names of ten scrutineers (of whom the first appointed shall be chairman), not being grand lodge officers, or nominated for grand lodge office, or members of the board of general purposes. The duties of the scrutineers shall be to oversee and control the ballot, subject to the direction of the grand master, and to make a correct report to grand lodge of the result of each ballot. Before entering upon the duties of their office, the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

3i. The scrutineers shall meet at eleven o'clock on the morning of the second day of the communication in a convenient room adjoining the place of meeting of grand lodge. They shall act in sections of threes under the direction of the chairman, who shall exercise a general supervision and decide any doubtful ballots, each

section being provided with a ballot box and a book for recording the name and lodge of each brother voting and the number of votes he is entitled to cast.

3j. Each brother voting shall mark upon one of the ballot papers, printed under the direction of the grand secretary, the names of the brother or brothers for whom he desires to vote for such elective offices, and for the board, and the place he desires to vote for as the place of holding the next communication, and after having exposed to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of votes cast by him, and having furnished such other information as may be required by the scrutineers, he shall deposit his ballot paper in one of such boxes.

3k. No brother shall be permitted to deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right; nor more than one ballot paper for each lodge legally represented by him. Any brother violating this provision shall be guilty of a masonic offense, and shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

3l. The grand master shall declare the first ballot closed at twelve o'clock noon of the second day of the communication, or at such later hour as he may think fit, and the scrutineers shall thereupon count up the votes given upon the ballot papers, and the chairman of the scrutineers shall announce the result to grand lodge.

3m. If upon the first ballot a majority of all the votes cast be not cast for some one of the brothers nominated for an elective office, other than membership of the board, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained.



3n. The five brothers nominated for the board of general purposes who obtain the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be declared duly elected to the board.

3o. The next annual communication shall be held at the place for which the majority of votes is cast on any ballot.

3p. All the ballot papers used at any election shall be preserved by the scrutineers, and shall be deposited with the grand secretary, who shall retain them for three months, and then unless otherwise directed by the grand master shall destroy the same by fire.

3q. In case it is made to appear to the grand master that five members of grand lodge are of opinion that the votes at any election were improperly counted, the grand master may direct such votes to be recounted by the grand secretary in the presence of two past grand masters.

3r. The grand tyler shall be elected by open vote of grand lodge.

3s. The right worshipful the district deputy grand master shall be elected by a majority of the past masters and the representatives of warranted lodges of the respective districts present at the annual communication, subject to the confirmation of the grand master.

3t. The masonic punishment which shall be inflicted by grand lodge for the masonic offence referred to in clause 3k, after due trial and conviction by a committee to be appointed by the grand master, shall be either indefinite suspension, definite suspension, or reprimand.

3u. All the provisions of the constitution which are inconsistent with this clause are hereby repealed.

4. The following officers shall be appointed by the grand master, viz.:

The very worshipful grand senior deacon.

The very worshipful grand junior deacon.

The very worshipful grand superintendent of works.

The very worshipful grand director of ceremonies.

The very worshipful assistant grand secretary.

The very worshipful assistant grand director of ceremonies.

The very worshipful grand sword bearer.

The very worshipful grand organist.

The very worshipful assistant grand organist.

The very worshipful grand pursuivant.

The very worshipful (twelve) grand stewards.

The very worshipful (two) grand standard bearers.

5. Grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) mentioned in the two preceding articles, with all past grand officers, continuing to subscribe to a warranted lodge (duly returned), the masters and wardens of all warranted lodges on the register of this grand lodge (duly returned), being members of a warranted lodge; provided, that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer, unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge he was either a master or past master of some warranted lodge.

6. Should neither the master nor the wardens of a warranted lodge attend any communication of grand

lodge, such warranted lodge by its vote properly certified by the master and secretary, and under seal, may delegate any master or past master entitled to a seat in grand lodge to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the master and secretary of the lodge; and no brother can represent more than three lodges.

7. The rank of officers and members of grand lodge shall be as follows:

The grand master.

Past grand masters, according to seniority.

The deputy grand master.

Past deputy grand masters.

Dist. dep. grand master, Erie—District No. 1.

Dist. dep. grand master, St. Clair—Dist. No. 2.

Dist. dep. grand master, London—Dist. No. 3.

Dist. dep. grand master, South Huron—Dist. No. 4.

Dist. dep. grand master, North Huron—Dist. No. 5.

Dist. dep. grand master, Wilson—Dist. No. 6.

Dist. dep. grand master, Wellington—Dist. No. 7.

Dist. dep. grand master, Hamilton—Dist. No. 8.

Dist. dep. grand master, Georgian—Dist. No. 9.

Dist. dep. grand master, Niagara—Dist. No. 10.

Dist. dep. grand master, Toronto West—Dist. No. 11.

Dist. dep. grand master, Toronto East—Dist. No. 11a.

Dist. dep. grand master, Ontario—Dist. No. 12.

Dist. dep. grand master, Pr. Edward—Dist. No. 13.

- Dist. dep. grand master, Frontenac—Dist. No. 14.
- Dist. dep. grand master, St. Lawrence—Dist. No. 15.
- Dist. dep. grand master, Ottawa—Dist. No. 16.
- Dist. dep. grand master, Algoma—Dis. No. 17.
- Dist. dep. grand master, Nipissing—Dist. No. 18.
- Past district deputy grand masters.
- Grand senior warden.
- Past grand senior wardens.
- Grand junior warden.
- Past grand junior wardens.
- Grand chaplain.
- Past grand chaplains.
- Grand treasurer.
- Past grand treasurers.
- Grand registrar.
- Past grand registrars.
- Grand secretary.
- Past grand secretaries.
- Grand senior deacon.
- Past grand senior deacons.
- Grand junior deacon.
- Past grand junior deacons.
- Grand superintendent of works.
- Past grand superintendents of works.
- Grand director of ceremonies.
- Past grand directors of ceremonies.
- Assistant grand secretary.
- Past assistant grand secretaries.
- Assistant grand director of ceremonies.
- Past assistant grand directors of ceremonies.



Grand sword bearer.

Past grand sword bearers.

Grand organist.

Past grand organists.

Assistant grand organist.

Past assistant grand organists.

Grand pursuivant.

Past grand pursuivants.

Grand stewards.

Past grand stewards.

Grand standard bearers.

Past grand standard bearers.

The masters, past masters, and senior and junior wardens of warranted lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective lodge warrants.

8. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in grand lodge unless he has been regularly installed master of a warranted lodge.

9. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge, the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place *pro tempore*.

10. The grand lodge may by a two-thirds vote constitute any brother of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction, an honorary member of grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, and it may by a like vote, in recognition of eminence, ability and services rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate.

11. The privileges of masonic rank under this grand lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction.

12. Any resident in the Province of Ontario, who during such residence has been initiated into masonry by any body beyond this jurisdiction, without the permission of the grand master, shall not be entitled to masonic privileges, except upon such terms as may be imposed by the grand master.

13. No member of grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor wear any jewel not recognized by grand lodge.

14. Should any warranted lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to grand lodge for more than one year, the master, wardens or other representatives of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of grand lodge until such returns or payments are completed.

15. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master or warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

16. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden on the third Wednesday in July, at which the place of holding the next communication shall be decided. None but members shall be present at these communications without permission of the grand master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the grand master, nor shall he on any occasion be permitted to vote.

17. The grand master, or in his absence from the Province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold grand lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall in their opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such grand lodges of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting

18. If at any grand lodge, stated or occasional, the grand master be absent, grand lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior warranted lodge present.

19. The grand lodge is declared open in ample form when the grand master is present; in due form when a past grand master or the deputy grand master presides; at all other times only in form, yet with the same authority.

20. The powers of any pro tempore presiding officer shall be the same as those belonging to the office so filled by him.

21. In grand lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing or abrogating them, always taking care that the antient landmarks of the order are preserved; grand lodge has also the inherent powers of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft or to private lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom or discretion, it may appoint; but in grand lodge alone resides the power of

erasing lodges, expelling brethren from the craft, and of removing such expulsion.

22. No lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled until the master or officer of the lodge, or the offending brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the grand lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced; such summons being addressed and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such brother, being deemed a sufficient service. It is further provided that power be given to the Grand Master to authorize the Grand Secretary to summon every brother reported and recommended for expulsion by his private lodge, to appear before the sub-committee of the board which meets at the same time as the annual communication of Grand Lodge next following the action of the private lodge.

23. When any memorial or other document shall be presented by any member of the grand lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

24. No brother below the rank of a past grand master shall assume the grand master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the grand master to rule the grand lodge.

25. A warranted lodge shall mean a private lodge working under a warrant of this grand lodge; and a private lodge shall mean either a warranted lodge or a lodge working under a dispensation from the grand master.

26. A lodge under dispensation possesses no other powers or privileges than such as are conferred by its dispensation, but it is subject to the laws regulating private lodges as far as the same are applicable.

27. An affiliated mason shall mean a brother who is a member of a private lodge.

28. A joining brother shall mean a brother having been initiated in a private lodge or hailing from a foreign jurisdiction acknowledged by the grand lodge, or having been "healed," and, in either case, who is admitted a member of a private lodge by affiliation according to this constitution.

29. Grand lodge books of account shall be closed on the thirty-first day of May in each year, and at the first meeting thereafter of the board of general purposes, the accounts and balance sheet, together with a list of the contributions, a statement of funds in hand and of all property of grand lodge, shall be presented and audited, the same shall be printed and transmitted to each lodge before the twenty-fourth of June in each year.

30. All monies payable to grand lodge for fees, dues and interest, and from all other sources, shall be paid to the grand secretary and by him entered in the cash book of grand lodge, and all sums so received by him shall be deposited by him in the bank with which grand lodge keeps its account, receiving therefor a deposit voucher in duplicate, one of which shall be retained by himself and the other shall be forwarded without delay to the grand treasurer.



31. No private lodge or brother shall be allowed to borrow money of the grand lodge funds in any form whatever.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE  
DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

32. The grand master having taken his seat and opened grand lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the annual communication:

i. Reading and confirming minutes of previous communications.

ii. Reading and referring the grand master's address.

iii. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

iv. Presenting reports of the district deputy grand masters, and referring them to the board of general purposes.

v. Presentation of the reports of the board of general purposes, and dealing therewith in the following order:

(a) On warrants.

(b) On audit and finance.

(c) On benevolence.

(d) On grievances and appeals.

(e) On condition of masonry.

(f) On jurisprudence.

(g) On constitution and laws.

(h) On printing and supplies.

(i) On foreign correspondence.

vi. Presentation of the report of the committee on credentials.

vii. Presentation of reports of special committees.

viii. Motions in their order and notices of motion.

ix. Unfinished business.

x. Nomination of officers.

At all other sessions of grand lodge the order of business shall be :

1. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.

2. Unfinished business from previous session.

3. Consideration of reports in the order in which they were presented.

4. Presentation of reports of the board of general purposes.

5. Presentation of reports of special committees.

6. Motions, general business.

7. Election of officers at first session of the second day.

The "order of business" shall be called by the grand secretary at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of grand lodge, and not otherwise.

33. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each warranted lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler, not otherwise entitled to a vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of equality ; unless grand lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any par-

ticular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be settled satisfactorily by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which uplifted hands the grand warlens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary; but ten brethren may, while grand lodge is in session, rise in their places and openly demand a ballot on any question not otherwise provided for, after the discussion has been closed, and immediately after an open vote shall have been taken. On demand for a ballot being made, such vote shall be taken before the transaction or consideration of any other business.

34. All members shall keep their seats except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

35. No brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

36. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him unless to address the grand master to order; or the grand master shall see fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

37. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall neverthe-

less be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the grand master may peremptorily command him to leave the grand lodge for that communication.

38. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother or at what he has said, shall be solemnly excluded from the communication and declared incapable of being a member of grand lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

39. No motion on any new subject shall be made nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night

40. No money grants shall be made by grand lodge on the last day of the communication, unless notice shall have been given the day previous.

41. The constitution of grand lodge may be amended or altered at any annual communication of grand lodge, by two-thirds of the votes present, provided that no motion for amending or altering the constitution shall be entertained unless notice in writing, stating the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual communication of grand lodge, or shall have been sent to the grand secretary on or before the first day of December preceding the communication of grand lodge.

OF GRAND MASTER.

42. The grand master shall be elected, and, according to ancient usage, installed at the annual communication. He is then, or as soon as possible thereafter, to nominate such of his grand officers as it is his prerogative to ap-

point, who with the elective grand officers, are, if present, to be installed or invested in ancient form.

43. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master; and should the grand master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the province or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election; and should the deputy grand master die, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the province, or otherwise, previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

44. The grand master, under sanction of the grand lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the grand lodge in a sister grand lodge

45. The grand master has full authority to preside in any private lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right hand, and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His wardens are also to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not present, then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge or any master masons to act as his wardens *pro tempore*.



46. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any private lodge he may think proper.

47. The grand master may summon any private lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant books and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last-mentioned summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended and the proceedings notified to grand lodge.

48. The grand master has power to suspend any officer of a lodge from the powers and duties of his office for good reasons shown, to arrest the charter or dispensation of any lodge, and to suspend the operation thereof until the next annual communication of grand lodge; and he may suspend any lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order; he has also power to decide any question of usage, order and masonic law, and to approve the by-laws of warranted lodges.

49. The grand master may, in case of vacancy in the office of any district deputy grand master, appoint any qualified brother to perform the duties of that office pro tempore.

50. It is the prerogative of the grand master to perform the following ceremonies, viz., Consecrating and dedicating masonic halls, constituting lodges, laying foundation stones and installing grand officers, and no

brother can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized to do so by him.

51. The grand master has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:—To authorize the requisite number of brethren to meet as a lodge until the next annual communication of grand lodge; to authorize the grand secretary to issue a grand lodge certificate to a brother who has been admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the constitution; to relieve a brother from masonic disability by reason of his being a member of a lodge which has been suspended; to permit the “healing” of an irregularly made mason.

52. The grand master has also authority to grant dispensations to any private lodge for any of the following purposes, viz: To appear in public in masonic clothing; to elect officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws; to elect and install officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws; to hold a lodge of instruction; to confer a higher degree on a brother at a shorter interval than prescribed by the constitution; to receive and act upon a petition for initiation from a person who resides outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge; to initiate more than five candidates in one day; to initiate a candidate who is under twenty-one years of age; to initiate, without fee, a person proposed to act as a serving brother.

53. An appeal against any ruling or decision of the grand master, or acting grand master, may be made to

grand lodge. When a brother appeals from the decision of the grand master, or acting grand master, while grand lodge is in session, he shall state shortly the grounds for his appeal. The grand master, or acting grand master, shall then state the reasons for his decision, if he thinks it is necessary to do so, after which, without further debate, the grand master, or acting grand master, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken, the decision of grand lodge shall be announced.

54. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary, the deputy grand master, the district deputy grand masters or board of general purposes.

#### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

55. The deputy grand master shall be elected, and according to ancient usage, installed at the annual communication.

56. In the absence of the grand master, the deputy grand master possesses all the powers and privileges of the grand master. The deputy grand master is ex officio president of the board of general purposes. He has full authority, unless the grand master be present, to preside in any private lodge he may visit, with the district deputy grand master on his right hand and the master of the lodge on his left hand.

57. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that particular lodge during the deputy grand

master's continuance there; but if the grand wardens be not present, then the deputy grand master may command the wardens of the lodge, or any other master masons to act as his wardens pro tempore.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

58. The district deputy grand master of each district shall be elected by the majority of the past masters and representatives of the warranted lodges of such district, at the annual communication of grand lodge; and if confirmed by the grand master, he shall, if present, be regularly installed. He must be a past master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. If a brother, who is a master of a lodge, is elected as district deputy grand master, his election shall ipso facto operate to vacate his office of master, and a new election shall be held by the lodge.

59. The election of district deputy grand master shall be held at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the second day of the annual communication of grand lodge.

60. He may preside in every private lodge he visits within his district, with the master of the lodge on his right hand.

61. It shall be the duty of the district deputy grand master to visit all the private lodges in his district during his term of office, to see that such lodges are working in accordance with the work adopted by grand lodge, and that returns have been regularly forwarded with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or ne-

glect on the part of any lodge to make such returns and payments, he may suspend such lodge.

62. It shall be the duty of the district deputy grand master to satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition of a new lodge, as the first master thereof, is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose is authorized to summon that brother to attend for examination, and to grant him a certificate of qualification.

63. It shall be the duty of the district deputy grand master to ascertain whether a lodge working under a dispensation in his district, and seeking a warrant of constitution, has provided itself with suitable furniture and clothing.

64. The district deputy grand master, when satisfied that any brother has been unjustly or illegally suspended from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a private lodge within his district, may order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order; and shall immediately report the circumstances to the grand master.

65. An appeal, in all cases, lies from the district deputy grand master, to the grand master or the grand lodge.

66. If the district deputy grand master shall neglect to proceed on any case or business which may be sent for his decision within a reasonable time, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the grand secretary.



67. The district deputy grand master may summon any private lodge or brother within his district to attend him; and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued. and in case of contumacy he may suspend the lodge or brother, and he shall immediately report the circumstances to the grand master.

68. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a lodge from place to place within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, without the sanction of the grand master.

69. He has power to grant dispensation for public processions and for holding lodges of instruction, but not for balls, conversaciones, excursions or picnics.

70. He has power to grant a dispensation to a lodge in his district to initiate, without fee, a person proposed to act as a serving brother.

71. He shall report all his dispensations to the grand master, and remit to the grand secretary all the fees due for the same.

72. He is required to correspond with the grand lodge; and to transmit to the grand secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the annual communication, a circumstantial account in writing, of his proceedings and of the state of masonry within his district, together with a list of such lodges as may have been constituted since

his last return, and the fees due thereon to the grand lodge.

73. He may appoint a district chaplain and secretary, during pleasure; but they shall have no rank in grand lodge by virtue of such office.

74. He may also, under his own responsibility, appoint a competent brother to instruct any one or more private lodges in his district desiring instruction.

75. He has no power to grant a dispensation for any other purpose than herein provided.

76. In case of a vacancy in the office of a district deputy grand master, the grand master may appoint any qualified brother to perform the duties of that office pro tempore.

#### OF GRAND WARDENS.

77. The grand wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

78. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge, no others can supply their places, but in the absence of either, the grand master may appoint any past grand warden present to act pro tempore. If no past grand warden be present, the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

79. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master, and while he presides in any private lodge are to act there as his wardens.

## OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

80. The grand chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the fraternity.

## OF GRAND TREASURER.

81. The grand treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

82. The grand treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two securities, to the grand master and deputy grand master, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

83. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for general charity, or for any other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such a manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority may direct, and produce his accounts for receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the board of general purposes; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in July.

## OF GRAND REGISTRAR.

84. The grand registrar shall be elected and installed at the annual communication.

85. The grand master may, by a written document, direct the grand registrar to take charge of any district for which there is no district deputy grand master; and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a district deputy grand master.

## OF GRAND SECRETARY.

86. The grand secretary shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

87. He shall have the custody of the seal of grand lodge, and shall affix the same to all patents, warrants, certificates and other documents issued by authority of grand lodge, together with such as the grand master in conformity with the laws and regulations of grand lodge may direct.

88. The grand secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from grand lodge under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of grand lodge, board of general purposes, and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several private lodges, and to enter them into the books of grand lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of grand lodge; to transmit to all private lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, by grand lodge, or by the board of general purposes; to notify all private lodges

annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year; to furnish the district deputy grand masters and board of general purposes with all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials and other papers, and to lay them before the grand master or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes, and to take to him or the board the many books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of grand lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer by voucher, as heretofore directed, and annually report the amount received, and generally to perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He shall give bonds in some guarantee company, to be approved by the board of general purposes, to the amount of five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. The fee for such bonds shall be paid by the grand lodge.

OF THE GRAND DEACONS, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER AND GRAND TYLER.

89. The grand deacons, grand superintendent of works, director of ceremonies, assistant secretary, assist-



ant director of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist, assistant organist, pursuivant, stewards and standard bearers, are to be appointed annually by the grand master on the day of installation, or as soon as possible thereafter, and they are to attend all communications and other meetings of grand lodge.

90. The grand director of ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care during the session of grand lodge, of the clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to grand lodge.

91. The grand pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of grand lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified and who are clothed in their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

92. The grand stewards shall be annually appointed for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications of grand lodge; and they shall collect the ballots and balloting lists and deliver them to the scrutineers.

93. The grand tyler is to be elected by an open vote at the annual communication. He is to attend at all the meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

## OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

94. The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand masters of the grand lodge of Canada, deputy grand master, who shall be, ex officio, president of the board, the district deputy grand master of each masonic district, the two grand wardens, and twenty other members, ten of whom shall be appointed by the grand master, and the remaining ten shall be appointed by the grand lodge; the whole twenty to be selected from among the actual masters and past masters of the lodges. Members thus elected and appointed shall hold office for two years. No more than two members of the same lodge can be appointed or elected for the same board; but this shall not disqualify any past master being a subscribing member and master of another lodge, from being elected for and representing the lodge of which he is worshipful master. One half of the members, both appointed and elected, who have served for two years, as hereinbefore provided, must go out of office at each annual communication. Retiring members are eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

95. The board shall annually elect one of its members to be vice-president, who, in the absence of the president from meetings of the board, shall possess all his powers and privileges.

96. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board, the board shall elect a chairman pro tempore.

97. The board shall meet two days before the annual communication of grand lodge at the place appointed for holding the same; the meeting of the board may be adjourned for further consideration of the business before it, and a meeting of the board may also be convened at other times by command of the grand master or of the president.

98. Seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer in case of equality having a second vote.

99. The board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting private lodges, or individual masons when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, according to the laws; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to grand lodge. Notice of any such intended appeal shall be given in writing to the grand secretary, within fourteen days of the receipt by the lodge or brother, of the decision of the board of general purposes on the case. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a lodge or the expulsion of a brother, the board shall make a special report thereon to grand lodge.

100. The board may summon any private lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory

summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings reported to grand lodge.

101. When the board has investigated or decided on any case which, in its judgment, requires admonition, **fine** or suspension, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute, shall be declared proved, **the law relating thereto quoted, and the decision recorded** and acted upon.

102. In case of any complaint or charge affecting a member of the board, or a private lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

103. The members of the board shall be in masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

104. The board shall have charge of the finances of grand lodge, examine all demands upon it, and when found correct shall order the grand treasurer to discharge them, and it shall submit an estimate of expense for the next ensuing year.

105. The board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the grand lodge, and give orders for any alterations that may be considered desirable.

106. The board may summon the grand treasurer, grand registrar, grand secretary, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, docu-

ments or accounts belonging to the grand lodge, to attend the board, and the board may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

107. The board has the direction of everything relating to the building, furniture and regalia of grand lodge, and may suggest any alterations and improvements.

108. The board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the communications of grand lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for grand lodge; but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred without the previous sanction of grand lodge.

109. The board has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the grand lodge, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the craft, and may originate plans for the better regulation of the grand lodge, and the arrangement of its general transactions.

110. On the day preceding the meeting of the grand lodge, the board shall appoint four masters or pastmasters of warranted lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of grand lodge at the annual communication, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified and properly clothed, and are in all respects entitled to admission.



The four brethren so appointed shall be assisted by three grand stewards of the year.

111. The committee on credentials shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance at the annual communication who are duly qualified to vote, and shall deliver to each of such brethren the ballot papers printed under the direction of the grand secretary.

112. The registration book shall be closed by the committee on credentials at eleven o'clock on the morning of the second day of the communication, and the committee shall immediately thereafter report to the grand master the names of the brethren registered and qualified to vote, and furnish to the chairman of the scrutineers a list in convenient form of the brethren who have registered and are qualified to vote.

113. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the board unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the board.

114. All communications from the board to the grand master, grand lodge, or other boards or committees, or any private lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

115. The board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the grand master or grand lodge, in preference to other business.

116. The board may appoint sub-committees from

amongst its members for specific purposes, who must report to the board.

117. The board shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, all such blank forms as from time to time may be required, in accordance with the constitution.

118. All transactions and resolutions of the board shall be entered in the minute book by the grand secretary.

119. The actual expenses of the members of the board of general purposes attending the meetings of the same, shall be paid by grand lodge.

#### OF PRIVATE LODGES.

120. The officers of a warranted lodge are:—The master, senior warden, junior warden, treasurer, secretary, senior deacon, junior deacon, inner guard, two stewards and the tyler; to which may be added a chaplain, a director of ceremonies, and an organist; and they shall severally hold office until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead.

121. Every warranted lodge shall annually elect, by a majority of all the members present in the lodge, its master, wardens, chaplain, treasurer and secretary, by written ballots, and by an open vote its tyler and two auditors. At the next regular meeting of the lodge following the election of a master, and after the minutes have been read and approved and the election confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair according to an-

cient usage, but if a lodge be desirous of investing its master with the privilege of appointing the wardens and secretary it can do so by a special by-law made to that effect, which must be sanctioned by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting, regularly convened for the consideration thereof. Should the lodge desire to do so, it may by by-law provide, that no member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers who is twelve months in arrears of lodge dues.

122. The master, upon his installation, shall appoint the deacons, director of ceremonies, organist, inner guard and stewards, and also all standing committees for conducting the business of the lodge, except the auditors, and he shall invest or cause to be invested the elected and appointed officers. If a lodge be desirous of electing the senior and junior deacons and inner guard, it can do so by a special by-law made to that effect, which must be sanctioned by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting convened for the consideration thereof. If a lodge be desirous of electing all of its officers, it can do so by a special by-law made to that effect, which must be sanctioned by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting convened for the consideration thereof.

123. No brother can be an officer of a lodge until he has been admitted a member thereof by ballot, in accordance with the constitution.

124. Every warranted lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are

not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the district deputy grand master for the approbation of the grand master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and also to the district deputy grand master, and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

125. Where there is a conflict between the constitution of grand lodge and the by-laws of a warranted lodge, the constitution must rule.

126. The by-laws of a lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every brother shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge, and delivered to the members.

127. Every private lodge shall keep a book or books, in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages as nearly as possible at the time, and their titles, professions or trades, also of deaths, resignations, suspensions and ex-

pulsions, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

128. Every private lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the lodge; and a similar book or portion of the same book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

129. The days and hours of the regular meetings of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

130. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by summons, giving seven clear days' notice, by the authority of the master, or in his absence by the senior warden, or in his absence by the junior warden, on no pretence without such authority; except a lodge of emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother, which may be called at any time by the like authority, but without the ordinary seven days' notice. The particular reason for calling any lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting.

131. No private lodge has the power of adjournment from day to day.

132. At all meetings of a private lodge, whether regular, or emergent, seven members of the same shall form a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least seven members of the lodge are present.



133. The precedence of warranted lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

134. No private lodge shall make a mason or admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

135. No private lodge shall on any pretence make more than five new brothers in one day, nor until they have been balloted for and approved, nor can a rejected applicant for initiation be balloted for again in the same or any other lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed an examination in open lodge in such previous degree.

136. No private lodge shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. This is not to extend to the making of a person who is to be a serving brother, who may be initiated without payment of any fee, provided that a dispensation from the grand master or district deputy grand master be first obtained.

137. Every candidate initiated in a private lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation; and is liable for the regular lodge dues.

138. Every private lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the return of its members; as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

139. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of masonry, through the neglect of their respective lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees of his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft, but the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and vigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge, and which have been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

140. All moneys received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper accounts by the secretary and treasurer respectively, and the accounts of the lodge shall be duly audited at least once a year by the auditors, who shall report such audit to the lodge without delay.

141. Each private lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate, to be paid

for by the lodge, and every brother is entitled to his certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of grand lodge.

142. No private lodge, or officers or members of a lodge shall under any circumstance, give a certificate, or recommendation to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

143. No private lodge shall form any public masonic procession, without a dispensation from the grand master or district deputy grand master, except in the case of a funeral—which shall be immediately reported to the grand secretary and the district deputy grand master.

144. All private lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among freemasons, some members of every lodge shall be deputed to visit the other lodges as often as may be convenient, and no other than the authorized work is allowed to be practiced or administered in any private lodge, unless such lodge can show to the grand master that it is entitled to continue the work in any other form as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of the grand lodge.

145. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the lodge, and be thrice formally admonished by the master, and persist in his irregular

conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular lodge, or he shall be liable to discipline as in other cases of unmasonic conduct.

146. Every private lodge has the power of suspending a member for the commission of any unmasonic conduct, or for non-payment of dues, and in cases of a serious nature the lodge may recommend to the grand lodge that the offender be expelled. The proceedings against a brother for any masonic offence shall be strictly in conformity with the rules and regulations for the government of masonic trials adopted by the grand lodge.

147. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of such further sum, if any, as the lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of the regular lodge dues, for the period he was suspended, notice thereof being given to the grand secretary, and the district deputy grand master of the district in which the lodge is situated; provided always that the lodge shall have the power in all cases to remit the whole or any part of the arrears, as well as the lodge dues, for the period he was so suspended, after notice of such motion has been given to the members of the lodge.

148. The clothing, insignia and furniture of every private lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge. No jewels shall be worn in a private lodge other than those specified for the offices, except such honorary or other jewel as shall

appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by grand lodge.

149. All minutes, lists and books of account belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master when he shall be so required by competent authority.

150. The majority of the members of a warranted lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instruction to the master and wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of grand lodge, because such officers are the representatives of those members, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

151. Each private lodge shall annually make a return to the grand secretary, of the master, wardens, and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such past masters has served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

152. Each private lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or if the lodge does not meet during that period, it is liable to be erased. The master and wardens, or other representatives of any lodge which shall have neglected for more than one year to make such returns and payments to the grand lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge or



sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments shall have been completed.

153. A private lodge failing to make its returns and payments, as aforesaid, for the space of one year after the same are due, may be summoned to show cause why it should not be suspended, or why its warrant should not be withdrawn or declared forfeited.

154. By a vote of the lodge the dues of any member may be remitted, provided that notice of such motion has been duly given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

155. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the grand secretary.

156. If the warrant of constitution of a private lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel or petition to the grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited and the lodge erased.

157. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the grand lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge should determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

158. No warranted lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the master, or in his absence the wardens, shall have been warned in writing of their offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against them.

159. If any private lodge or its master or wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the grand master, his deputy, the district deputy grand master, or any board or committee authorized by grand lodge, and do not comply or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge shall be suspended, and the proceedings reported to grand lodge.

160. The master of every private lodge shall cause the secretary to forward a copy of every summons issued to the members of his lodge, whether for a regular or an emergent meeting, to the district deputy grand master of the district in which the lodge is situated. The master of every lodge shall also cause to be forwarded to the district deputy grand master of his district, immediately after the installation of officers, on a form to be supplied by the grand secretary, a certified list of the officers of his lodge, elected and appointed, and also of the proxy for grand lodge, if any has been appointed.

161. Warranted lodges may by by-law admit their members to life-membership, on such terms as such lodge may determine, and for each such life-member

such lodge may pay into grand lodge the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to grand lodge on his behalf.

162. Upon such life-member withdrawing from the private lodge of which he originally became a life-member, and joining any other lodge, such other lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to grand lodge on his account; nor in case he becomes a life member of such other lodge shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to grand lodge.

163. Life-members shall be entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

164. No balloting for initiation or affiliation can take place at any meeting unless notice thereof has been duly given in the summons calling the same.

165. All voting in a lodge is by show of hands, except in cases where the constitution requires a ballot; or where the lodge shall by show of hands, taken, without debate, order that a ballot be taken.

166. A warranted lodge may require from its treasurer security by means of a bond in the usual form.

167. A private lodge has penal jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside, and also over all masons whether affiliated or not, who reside within its territorial jurisdiction; and non-affiliation of a brother is no bar to his suspension.

168. A private lodge cannot deprive any of its members of their privileges until after due trial and conviction.

169. A suspension by a private lodge deprives the brother so suspended of all his masonic rights and privileges until he is restored to good masonic standing.

170. A suspended lodge places all its members under masonic disability; except by special dispensation to be granted by the grand master only.

171. A resolution once adopted by a private lodge cannot be reconsidered or rescinded without notice thereof be given at a preceding meeting.

172. A motion recommending a new lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest warranted lodge without previous notice.

173. It is a great irregularity to hold a private lodge in any but a regular lodge room, duly set apart and having the necessary ante-rooms for all requirements of masonry; such regular lodge room may be in a private house; and the lodge room of a warranted lodge should as soon as possible be formally consecrated and dedicated.

174. It is improper to allow a lodge room to be used jointly with other societies or for other than masonic purposes; this, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be masonic and are founded on craft masonry.

175. It is improper to allow other societies to take part in the conduct of a masonic funeral.

176. It is not legal to instal the master of a lodge under dispensation.

177. A lodge under dispensation has no right to appoint a proxy as its representative in grand lodge; but it shall be represented in grand lodge at the annual communication at which a warrant is sought to be obtained, by the master or a warden, and the minute book of such lodge shall be then and there produced.

178. The expense of procuring the clothing and insignia for the district deputy grand master is to be defrayed by the private lodges in each district, and each private lodge shall defray the travelling expenses of the district deputy grand master, to the extent of at least one visit in each year; as also the travelling expenses of the brother, who at the request of the lodge and by authority of the district deputy grand master, attends such lodge for giving instruction.

179. To constitute a legal notice or summons for any lodge meeting, seven clear days must elapse between the notice and the meeting.

180. When two or more warranted lodges desire to amalgamate under one warrant, each lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect, and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor.

The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend, for adoption, the name and number of one



of the lodges, and the time and place when such amalgamation shall be effected. On the approval of the report of the committee by the lodges, a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said lodges about to be amalgamated, and if seven or more members of either of the lodges do not notify the secretary of their lodge in writing, of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from date of mailing said notices, it shall be carried into effect, as soon as the grand master shall approve of, or authorize such amalgamation. The grand master, district deputy grand master, or such other brother as the grand master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the lodges present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers, who with the officers appointed by the master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested if present.

The secretary shall prepare and deliver to the master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated lodge, which shall be signed by the worshipful master and secretary, and forwarded to the grand secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the consolidated lodge as he would have had in his own lodge, had such amalgamation not taken place.

## OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF PRIVATE LODGES.

181. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore no brother shall be elected master of a warranted lodge or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority of rank. No brother is eligible to the office of master in a warranted lodge unless he has served for one year as warden in a private lodge. No master-elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge. It is necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master, and on confirmation of that election, at the following regular meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master will follow.

182. No brother shall be installed master of a warranted lodge unless the installing board is fully cognizant of the fact that the brother is fully familiar with the duties of the master, and is competent to perform the ceremony of opening and of closing the lodge in each degree, and to confer the various degrees according to the established work.

183. The installation ceremony shall not be performed in public.

184. Every master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old es-

tablished usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

185. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of grand lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

186. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

187. The master has not the power to suspend the declaration of the ballot.

188. If the master should die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in his absence the junior warden, shall act as master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers, but shall not confer degrees or obligate candidates.

189. If the master be not present, the immediate past master, or if he be not present, the next immediate past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden may rule the lodge, but not confer degrees.

190. No brother below the rank of a past master shall assume the master's chair.

191. The master and wardens of a private lodge are enjoined to visit lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be

observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

102. The master and wardens of every private lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the district deputy grand master, grand lodge, or any board or committee authorized by grand lodge, and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to grand lodge.

103. Any officer of a warranted lodge may resign his office with the consent of the lodge, and upon his resignation being accepted, if the office is an elective one, the lodge shall fill the vacancy by an election at the next regular meeting after notice of such election has been sent to all the members of that lodge; and if the office is an appointed one, the master may fill the vacancy by his appointment at once. Provided no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office, unless he has served a full term of twelve months in such office.

104. In case of death, or removal from office of any officer of a private lodge, the vacancy shall be filled as directed in the next preceding section.

105. A past master of a lodge in this jurisdiction who has been duly returned in the books of grand lodge, and who affiliates with any other private lodge, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in grand lodge and in the lodge with which he affiliates.

106. A past master of this grand lodge may require from the grand secretary, upon payment of the fee of

one dollar, a past master's certificate, and the grand secretary is authorized to issue the same.

## OF TYLERS.

197. The tyler is to be chosen by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient, by a majority of the brethren present at any regular meeting of the lodge.

198. The tyler is to see that every member or visitor has signed his name to the attendance book, and that he is properly clothed before entering the lodge.

199. No persons shall be admitted a member of a private lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of brethren or candidates shall have been strictly complied with.

## OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

200. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or at a private lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small or unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or even as a visitor, into any private lodge, or partake of the general charity, or other masonic privileges, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

201. No brother shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any private lodge, or of the grand lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the sanction of the grand master, or the district deputy grand master, under pain of being expelled from the



order. The law, however, is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of the lodge, by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present.

202. No brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or by revealing a brother's vote. Provided that, in cases of masonic trials where the charge laid involves such ballot, any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

203. A brother cannot by mere resolution of the lodge be deprived of his rights and privileges as a mason.

204. If any member shall be under suspension from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other private lodge.

205. Whenever a member of any private lodge shall resign, or whenever at any time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and should he be indebted to the lodge, the certificate must state the fact.

In case of loss of a certificate of standing a duplicate thereof may be issued.

206. The certificate of standing must be produced, together with the application for membership, to the lodge of which the brother in whose favor the certificate is issued, desires to become a joining member. Such certificate has to be filed with the archives of the lodge which admits the brother as such joining member.

207. A brother suspended by a private lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the regulations for the government of masonic trials.

208. The majority of the members present at any private lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefor, shall be permitted to enter in the minute-book of his lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

209. No unaffiliated brother shall be considered to have any claim on the benevolent fund, except by a direct vote of grand lodge.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

210. Any brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any particular private lodge, may by a three-fourths vote of the members

present, by a ballot of the lodge, be elected as honorary member of such lodge. The lodge, must include honorary members in its return to grand lodge, and pay to grand lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

211. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a unanimous ballot at the time of such election.

#### OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.

212. No brother shall be admitted a member of a private lodge without a proposition in open lodge at a regular meeting, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next stated lodge meeting, and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the grand secretary stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid.

213. Every proposition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the lodge who are master masons, and shall be referred to a committee appointed by the master, which committee shall report to the lodge at the next regular meeting before the ballot

is taken, and should the report be unfavorable, the applicant shall be considered rejected without a ballot.

214. No person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate, and the name, age, addition or profession and place of abode shall have been sent to all the members, in the summons for the next regular meeting, and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of application, when, after the committee have reported to the lodge in his favor, he must be balloted for, and, if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry; but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered a rejected candidate.

215. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master, unless in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends, in every direction, half way to the nearest lodge. Residence, for all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, shall mean as follows: Of a married man, where his family resides; of an unmarried man, where he is constantly

employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary. Provided, however, if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead, is residing with his brothers and sisters within the jurisdiction of one Lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purpose of this and the next preceding clause.

216. When an applicant for initiation residing within this jurisdiction has his place of residence nearer to a lodge in another jurisdiction than to a private lodge within this jurisdiction, such nearer lodge may receive and act upon the petition of such applicant; provided that the grand lodge in such other jurisdiction will grant the like privilege to private lodges in this jurisdiction.

217. In cases of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed: Any two members of a private lodge may transmit, in writing, to the master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue, or cause to be issued, a notice to every member, appoint a committee in the manner provided in clause 214, and at the same time summon, or cause to be summoned, the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if the committee have reported



to the lodge in his favor, he must be balloted for, and, if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

218. No person under the age of twenty-one shall be made a mason in any private lodge, unless by dispensation from the grand master, nor shall any dispensation suspend the operation of the law requiring seven days' notice, or committee of enquiry, or the ballot. Every candidate must be free-born, and his own master, and, at the time of his initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He shall be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length and legibly to a declaration of the following import, viz.:

*To the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of———lodge No.—  
on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada,  
in the Province of Ontario :*

I,———, of the —— of ——, in the county of—— and Province of Ontario, aged ——years, being free by birth, and of mature age, do declare that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire for knowledge; that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order, and that I have not been rejected by this or any other private lodge within twelve months prior to the date of my present application.

Witness my hand this——day of———, A. L. 58—.

Recommended by

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(Sig.)

219. Every petition for initiation must be recommended by at least two members of the lodge who are masters in good standing.

220. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of grand lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a mason.

221. A petition for initiation being presented, it shall be the duty of the master, before entertaining the same, to be satisfied that the petitioner resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge so petitioned.

222. It is a masonic offence to take action upon a petition for initiation and to ballot for the petitioner without dispensation from the grand master, if such petitioner reside outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge so petitioned.

223. The ballot for a candidate for initiation or affiliation cannot be postponed.

224. It is the prerogative of the master to order a second ballot for a candidate for initiation or affiliation.

225. Before declaring the result of the ballot the ballot box shall be placed on the altar for examination by any member of the lodge. The result of the ballot having been declared by the master, no further ballot upon the same subject is admissible.

226. No person shall be made a mason in, or admitted a member of, a private lodge, if, on the ballot two black balls appear against him. Some lodges wish for

no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present; the by-laws of each lodge must, therefore, guide in this respect, but if there be two black balls, such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

227. In case objection be made to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for and approved, it shall be the duty of the master to investigate the cause of such objection, and if he finds the same to be well founded, or reasonable, he shall not initiate such candidate until such objection is withdrawn or removed. And if objection be made to the advancement of a brother, any member of the lodge may require that such objection be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the lodge, the objection shall be of no effect.

228. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft; he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his initiation a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge, shall then be presented to him.

229. A candidate for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably, or against whom the ballot has been declared unfavorable, by the master, shall be considered a rejected candidate. Nor shall any petition be received from any such rejected candidate bearing date within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or by adverse ballot, it

shall be the duty of the secretary to give immediate notice to the masters of lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

230. An applicant for affiliation, who has been rejected, may apply again to the same or any other private lodge without waiting for any specified time.

#### OF THE LODGE SEAL.

231. Every warranted lodge shall have a masonic seal to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued.

232. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the grand secretary, and whenever changed an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

233. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by the special license and authority of the grand master, or the district deputy grand master. The lodge giving this sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

234. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

235. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren ap-

pointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master, the district deputy grand master, or lodge granting the sanction.

236. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under warrant, shall see fit, it may, at any regular meeting, withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge, to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided, that notice of intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

237. A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, has a right to visit a private lodge during the time it is open for general business, but that right is not absolute. It is in the discretion of the master to admit a visitor, and the master's refusal to admit a visitor is no ground for masonic complaint.

238. No visitor shall be admitted into a private lodge unless he is personally known or recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the members present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

239. A brother residing in the Province of Ontario and not affiliated with some private lodge under the jurisdiction of grand lodge, shall not be entitled to the



benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family; nor be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, except that he shall be permitted to visit any private lodge.

OF CERTIFICATES.

240. The following grand lodge certificates may be issued:

To a brother upon being registered in the books of grand lodge, as having been initiated, passed and raised in a private lodge.

To a brother who, either as an entered apprentice or as a fellow craft hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, has become a joining member of a private lodge, and who therein has received the remaining degrees or degree.

To a member of a private lodge which has ceased to meet, so as to enable such member to affiliate with another private lodge; such certificate to state the fact that he was such a member, and whether he had been registered, and whether his grand lodge dues have been paid.

To any past master under this grand lodge who desires the same, and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of grand lodge.

241. All grand lodge certificates shall be issued by the grand secretary with the seal of grand lodge attached, and shall be in such form as the board of general purposes may from time to time direct.

242. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the

books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay two dollars. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the registration fee, make a remittance of the money for each certificate.

243. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the master or the secretary of the lodge.

244. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

245. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

246. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary; and if the name of a brother wishing for a certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

247. The following certificates may be issued by a private lodge:

A certificate of standing of a brother who resigns his membership; such certificate is to state the fact whether the brother is indebted to that lodge or not. A duplicate of such certificate of standing, in case the original has been lost.

To a brother in order to enable him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate of a private lodge shall be especially addressed to the grand secretary.

Any certificate required by the laws of grand lodge, or which may be called for by the board of general purposes.

248. No fee shall be charged by any private lodge for any certificate it may issue.

249. No private lodge shall be permitted to issue any other certificate than those above enumerated.

#### OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

250. No public procession of the brethren as Masons, clothed in any of the regalia of the craft, except a Masonic funeral, shall on any pretense be allowed, or take place, without permission of the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master. The proceedings at any procession, including a funeral, which may be attended by the brethren, shall be immediately reported by the Master or Masters of the lodges taking part therein to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the districts in which the lodges are respectively situated.

251. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed

in any of the regalia of the craft, at any public procession except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the grand master or district grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a private lodge, and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until grand lodge shall determine thereon.

## OF APPEAL.

252. As the grand lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

253. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary, within twenty-one days from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

## OF FEES.

254. The following shall be the fees payable to grand lodge:

For granting a new warrant, thirty dollars.

For a dispensation for a new lodge, twenty dollars.

For a warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation authorizing a private lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation, who resides outside the jurisdiction of that lodge, ten dollars, payable by the candidate.

For a dispensation for any public procession, one dollar.

For a grand lodge certificate, two dollars.

For a past master's certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee.

For every entered apprentice or fellow-craft, joining from without the jurisdiction of grand lodge, one dollar and fifty cents.

For every master mason joining from another private lodge within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, fifty cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction of grand lodge, one dollar.

For every member of each private lodge, such lodge shall pay towards the fund for grand lodge purposes fifty cents per annum.



255. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft :

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament ; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels (unless otherwise especially ordered or allowed by this Grand Lodge). No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in sky-blue in the centre of the apron.

The Master and Past Masters of Lodges.—To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch ; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver. If grand or past grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the center. The fringe of silver.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of same dimensions lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre. The fringe of gold bullion.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Present and Past.—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side. The fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed

wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging. The fringe of gold bullion.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, bound with gold and gold tassels, and to be ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery. The fringe of gold bullion.

## COLLARS.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one each side.

Grand Stewards of the year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

Of Private Lodges.—Collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad (unless otherwise especially ordered or allowed by this Grand Lodge). If silver chain be used for W.M., it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

#### GAUNTLETS.

All Elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past.—Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold, and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

#### JEWELS.

The Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 450, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle, also irradiated.

Past Grand Master.—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.

District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which is the number of the district.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.

Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.

Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on the triangle.

Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.

Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.

Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Cross pens with a tie.

Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and Olive branch.

Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Cross rods.

Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Cross rods.

Grand Sword Bearer, Present and Past.—Cross swords.

Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.



Grand Standard Bearers, Present and Past.—Two staves crossed tied by a ribbon flowing from them two standards of the arms of the Grand Lodge.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Pursuivant, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn; and of the Grand Junior Deacon, Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Organist, to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the circle being omitted.

The jewel of the Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia, between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraved, "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario."

Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraved "The Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be gold or gilt.

Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters are entitled to wear pendant to their collars the jewel designating their past rank; all other Past Grand officers to wear the collar without a pendant jewel, a similar but smaller jewel in enamel to be worn on the breast.

Masters of Lodges.—The square.

Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47th Prob., 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.

Treasurer.—The Key.

Secretary.—The cross pens.

Deacons.—The dove.

Director of Ceremonies.—The cross rods.

Organist.—The lyre.

Inner Guard.—The cross swords.

Stewards.—The cornucopia.

Tyler.—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

In the Grand lodge and on all occasions where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following masonic clothing and insignia:

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with nine stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with seven stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

District Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary, Present and Past.—Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Grand Stewards of the year.—Crimson collar and apron, all bound in silver, and jewel.

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All other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Blue collar and apron, all bound in gold, and jewel.

256. Every application for a warrant to hold a new private lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered master masons, and the lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest warranted lodge, and in case of there being more than two warranted lodges within the jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said lodges, and be transmitted to the district deputy grand master, who is to forward it with his recommendation, or opinion thereon, to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the grand master may issue a dispensation, authorizing the brethren to meet as a private lodge until the next communication of grand lodge. If, in the opinion of the grand master, the recommendation of the nearest lodge or lodges, be unreasonably withheld, he shall have power to waive such recommendation.

257. The recommendation from the nearest lodge or lodges required for a petition, must be passed in open lodge upon a regular resolution, and signed by the master and secretary of the lodge, with the seal of the lodge attached, and in no case shall be given without such resolution and signatures.

The following is the form of petition :

*To the M. W. the Grand Master of the fraternity of Ancient,  
Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in  
the Province of Ontario.*

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to extend our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named——; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at——, in the county of——, on the—— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be the first master; brother (C. D.) to be the first senior warden, and brother (E. F.) to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge.

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge should be solemnly constituted by the grand master with his deputy and wardens; or in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, or the district deputy grand master of that district, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as his deputy pro tempore.

258. No warrant for a new private lodge shall be granted until, in addition to the ordinary recommendation of the district deputy grand master, there is furnished by that officer a certificate to the effect that the lodge working under dispensation and seeking a warrant, has provided itself with suitable furniture and regalia.

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## PRAYERS.

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### INVOCATION—FIRST DEGREE.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this, our masonic art, he may be better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name.—So mote it be.

### INVOCATION—SECOND DEGREE.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O mer-



ciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.—So mote it be.

#### INVOCATION—THIRD DEGREE.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy holy name the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially, we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a master mason; endow him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars, for ever and ever.—So mote it be.

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### THE CHARGES.

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#### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE.

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its

precepts. Indeed, no institution can boast of a more solid foundation than that on which freemasonry rests—the practice of social and moral virtue; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and have joined our assemblies. As a mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duty you owe to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator, by imploring His aid in all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. To your neighbor, by acting with him on the square; by rendering to him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his distresses; by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar cases you would wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies, thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well as to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to

be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society ; by paying due obedience to the laws of the State which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection ; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land ; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you ; temperance chasten you ; fortitude support you ; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity.

Still, however, as a mason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed. Among the foremost of these are secrecy, fidelity and obedience.

Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which may inadvertently lead you to do so.

Your fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observ-

ance of the constitutions of the fraternity; by never attempting to extort or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your obedience be proved by a close conformity to our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren; and by perfect submission to the master and his wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have this day been admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station to consider yourself called on to make a daily advancement in masonic knowledge.

(From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will appreciate the excellency of freemasonry

and print indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of truth, of honor, and of virtue.)

#### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY PASSED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Being advanced to the second degree of masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not external qualifications of a man are what masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties which, as a mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience may have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that, as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as the basis of our art. (Geometry, or masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.)

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve



our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a craftsman in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and like a skilful craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

#### CHARGE TO NEWLY RAISED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Your zeal for the institution of freemasonry, the progress you have already made and your

conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a master mason you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usage.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

## APPENDIX A.

### RULES OF GRAND LODGE.

#### 1. RULES RESPECTING GRANTS FROM THE FUNDS OF BENEVOLENCE.

1. All applications for relief must be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for.

2. It is imperative to answer correctly the several questions in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for a renewal of a grant.

3. It shall be competent for one or more private lodges to form themselves into a local board of relief, and for such board to frame a code of by-laws and elect a chairman and a secretary-treasurer; and when the formation of such board and its by-laws have been approved by the board of general purposes, the same shall be considered a duly constituted local board of relief under grand lodge.

4. All applications for relief shall be made through a private lodge, signed by the master and secretary thereof, with the seal of the lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. And it shall be imperative for every lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to pass a resolution to that effect in open lodge, record the same in its minute-book, and attach to each application for relief a copy of

such resolution, signed by the master or presiding officer and the secretary of the lodge, and having the seal of the lodge attached thereto. All applications for relief recommended by private lodges situated in any city or town in which there is a local board of relief, acknowledged as such by grand lodge, shall be transmitted to grand lodge through such local board of relief.

5. All applications for relief shall be sent to, and be in the possession of the Grand Secretary before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual communication of grand lodge.

6. Grand lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the private lodge or local board of relief recommending the application; and it shall be imperative to have given such aid during the twelve months last preceding the date of such application, to record the same in the minute book and to state the same in the application. Provided that where a lodge in its return made under rule 7 shows, that it has, during said period, given local aid at least equal to the amount or amounts sought to be obtained under such application or applications, though such local aid was not given to the applicant or applicants, the same shall nevertheless be considered as aid given in compliance with this rule. Such grants shall be payable in two equal half-yearly payments, by an order issued by the President of the board of general purposes, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and drawn upon the Grand Treasurer in favor of the grantee

and the master of the lodge or of the secretary-treasurer of the local board of relief, and it shall require the endorsement upon such order of both the grantee and of said master or secretary-treasurer (as the case may be) before the Grand Treasurer is authorized to honor such order. And that as to all grants which are made payable through the master of a private lodge, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the master to report to the lodge the receipt of such order or orders, and the secretary shall record such report in the minute-book of the lodge. Wherever there is a local board of relief, acknowledged as such by grand lodge, in any city or town, all grants made to parties recommended by any lodge within the limit of such city or town, shall be made payable through the secretary-treasurer of such local board of relief.

7. All private lodges through whose master, and all local boards of relief through whose secretary-treasurer, such orders have been made payable shall, on or before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual communication of Grand Lodge, forward to the Grand Secretary a return upon a printed form, which form shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. In such return there shall be shown in detail the whole amount of such grant or grants made payable through such master or secretary-treasurer during the current fiscal year, as also the whole amount in detail of such grant or grants paid over to the grantee or grantees during that period; together with such other information as may be required by such printed form of return. Such return shall be signed by the master and secretary of such lodge,



and have its seal affixed thereto, or by the chairman and secretary-treasurer of such local board of relief.

8. No order for any subsequent grant shall be issued until such return for preceding grants shall have been received, as aforesaid and found to be correct by the committee on benevolence or board of general purposes.

9. A grant for which, by reason of the neglect to make such return, no order of payment for a subsequent grant has been issued within one year from the date when such grant was made, shall be considered forfeited, and in order to obtain a grant a new application must be made.

10. All forms for application and for returns are from time to time to be prepared by the board of general purposes.

11. No grant will be made to an unaffiliated brother, nor to relatives of a deceased brother who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated mason.

12. It shall be the duty of each lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to notify the District Deputy Grand Master at an early day of such intention.

13. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master, on the occasion of his official visit to the lodges in his district, to ascertain whether any such lodge intends to recommend to grand lodge an application for relief, and if so, to see that the form is properly filled out. It shall also be the duty of each District Dep-

uty Grand Master to direct the attention of the lodges in his district through whose master orders for grants have previously been made payable, to the necessity of complying with Rule 7, by making proper return of such grants; and in all cases where such lodges at any time have failed to make such return, he shall make due enquiry into the cause thereof, use his best endeavors to have the return made, and forthwith forward the same to the Grand Secretary, and to report upon such enquiry to grand lodge. It shall also be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to examine the books of the lodges in his district with a view to ascertain whether the foregoing rules have been observed, and to report thereon to the grand lodge.

14. Private lodges or local boards of relief which fail to comply with the foregoing rules have no claim for the consideration of applications for relief.

15. The chairman of the committee on benevolence shall prepare and lay before the board of general purposes, at its first meeting, held immediately before each annual communication of grand lodge, and for the purpose of being printed for the information of grand lodge, a report in such a form as may from time to time be devised by the board of general purposes, respecting the returns made by local boards of relief and by private lodges, and the applications for relief recommended by the same.

## RULES RESPECTING MASONIC TRIALS.

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### REGULATIONS RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS THEREON.

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#### OFFENCES.

I. The following are masonic offences:

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery, and all lascivious association, whether with the relative of a mason, or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Contempt for God or religion.

Atheism.

Masonic communion with clandestine masons or irregular lodges.

Improper revelations.

Disobedience to those in authority, or contemptuous language towards them.

All countenance of impostors.

Contemptuous expressions respecting masonry.

Wronging a mason by fraud.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Unseemly conduct in the lodge.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Using a masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual, or any of the landmarks of masonry.

Any violation of the constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of the grand lodge.

Any violation of the by-laws of a lodge by a member thereof.

#### JURISDICTION.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his lodge a mason must be tried by the lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other masonic offence, a mason may be tried either by the lodge to which he belongs, or by the lodge nearest his place of residence.

4. A trial of either lodge followed by conviction or acquittal, shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

5. All charges of unmasonic conduct shall be made in writing with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated master mason in good standing.

6. All charges and particulars shall be filed with the secretary of the lodge, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the lodge that such charges have been received, and that they will be read at the next regular meeting, which shall be held not less than eight days

after the charges have been received ; and at such meeting the charges shall be read in open lodge.

7. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed ; and in case the trial be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS, NOTICES, ETC.

8. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed ; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present ; such charges shall not be amended except by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

9. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a lodge, the master shall appoint the time and place of trial ; and it shall be the duty of the master to cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and particulars, and notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof : Provided always, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

10. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act



as counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the district in which the lodge is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence or with a grown up member of his family; and upon proof that the notice has been sent to him, or left for him as above prescribed, the lodge at the time in such notice specified may proceed without his presence, and conduct the proceedings to a final issue: Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of mailing, sending or leaving such notice, and any action by the lodge in pursuance thereof. In such cases the lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act as counsel for, or representative of, the accused.

11. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any mason present while the lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the master may order the offending brother to show cause instantly why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the lodge to proceed, to trial and suspension.

#### TRIAL, WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY.

12. Witnesses in masonic trials who are masons shall be mentally competent and in good standing in the fraternity, and may be affiliated or non-affiliated brethren.

13. Every mason shall give his testimony on his honor as a mason.

14. All witnesses in masonic trials who are not masons shall be any persons of sound mind, of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and they shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The evidence of such persons must be received with caution when disputed by the accused, and, in fact, should be admitted only when their evidence cannot be supplied by a mason, unless in cases requiring corroborative evidence.

15. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any masonic trial. The status of a mason under charges is not affected until after conviction.

16. The testimony of witnesses, who are masons, may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the master. Witnesses who are not masons shall be examined only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the master. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by a brother mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

17. The testimony of any witnesses, unable to attend the lodge or a committee, may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person, who must be a ma-

son authorized for the purpose, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

18. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not masons; and through the master and secretary of the lodge they may, when necessary, summons for such purposes any resident mason, whether he be a member of the lodge or not.

19. When testimony is taken in open lodge the lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a lodge of master masons.

20. The master shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the secretary, or other person appointed for that purpose by the master, shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both the prosecution and the defence, and note all objections made by either party; and the rulings of the master and the record thereof shall be filed among the archives of the lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the lodge records.

21. At the conclusion of the evidence the accused and the accuser in person, or their counsel or representative may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accused and the accuser

shall retire from the lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case, and of the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the lodge until after final action, except for urgent cause, and the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

22. When a committee is appointed, as before mentioned, it shall consist of not less than three members of the lodge, either of whom if objected to by either of the parties for cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, may be removed by the master and another appointed.

23. Every such committee shall convene and select from their number a chairman and secretary; and when so organized shall have power, through the master and secretary of the lodge, to summon before them the accused and the accuser, with their respective witnesses.

24. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. the duties of the master and secretary of the lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the chairman and secretary of the committee.

25. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of masonry and the full investigation of the complaints before them: Provided, that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much dispatch as the law governing the same, and full justice to the accused and accuser will permit.

26. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the lodge; and upon retirement of the accused and accuser, any member of the lodge present may express his views of the case; and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read, as he may require to enable him to come to a decision.

27. A brother against whom charges have been preferred, may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

28. In case an accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

29. No visitor shall attend the lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the master, or by the lodge, or by the committee, when the proceedings are before a committee.

#### JUDGMENT.

30. Upon conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot, and it shall require a vote of a majority to sustain any charge.



31. If any charge shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty, and the master shall put the question as to whether the accused shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot. The lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to the grand lodge that the offender may be expelled.

32. When any mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, punishment shall follow which shall be proportionate to the offence.

33. When any mason shall have been suspended by a lodge, he shall be notified of such action by the secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the grand secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the master in open lodge, as well as by the secretary, in writing.

## PUNISHMENT.

34. The masonic punishment, which shall be inflicted by chartered lodges for unmasonic conduct, after due trial and conviction, shall be, in the discretion of the lodge, either indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand.

35. Suspension for any offence subjects an offender, during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of

all the rights, privileges and benefits of masonry, to the offender and his family.

36. Suspension shall require the vote of the majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately; Provided, That no definite suspension-shall be voted for a longer time than three years, nor for a less time than three months.

37. Reprimand shall be the least masonic punishment. and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present; and reprimand shall be administered in open lodge by the master.

#### APPEALS.

38. Any mason who has been subjected to any of the foregoing proceedings of a lodge, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser, or any member of the lodge, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence, therein in his case rendered or adjudged, and from any vote or decision of a lodge upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the grand master, or to the grand lodge.

39. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Lodge shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decisions of a Lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary as provided by clause 253 of the Constitution.

40. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from notice of his intention within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision shall have been served upon him personally, or shall have been sent to him by mail in registered letter addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence with a grown up member of his family ; and the secretary of such lodge, under the direction of the Master, shall, at least ten days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case ; Provided, The times herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the annual communication aforesaid ; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge, or may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess of the Grand Lodge.

41. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any lodge, the grand master of the grand lodge may upon investigation—

Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, or affirm the decision appealed from ; or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent lodge has failed to do so ;  
or

Set aside the proceedings of the lodge for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings ; or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

42. An appeal may also be taken to the district deputy grand master of the district, for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, but not in questions of fact.

43. On such appeal the district deputy grand master may either dismiss the appeal or set aside the proceedings, and order the new trial.

44. In all cases of appeal, the grand master or the grand lodge may authorize the district deputy grand master to investigate the case and report, with his opinion thereon.

45. The district deputy grand master may hear and determine any subject of masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the grand lodge.

46. The decision or sentence of the district deputy grand master shall in all cases be subject to appeal to the grand master.

47. Whenever the grand lodge, or the grand master or district deputy grand master, on a review of trial or other proceedings of a lodge, resulting in the suspension of a mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment of said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment shall be made to the original charges, unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

48. Every lodge shall communicate to the grand secretary and to the district deputy grand master of the district in which the lodge is situated, all suspensions as they may severally occur.

Note.—By article 1 “of Appeal” in the book of Constitution, it is provided that as the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member in the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any Lodge, or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

49. A suspended mason may be restored by the grand lodge or by the lodge which suspended him.

50. A suspended mason (unless suspended for non-payment of dues), seeking restoration, shall petition the lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the lodge and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

51. The secretary of the lodge shall notify all the members of the lodge of such petition, at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

52. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot; and it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present for its adoption.

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53. If the lodge has ceased to exist, the petition may be made direct to the grand lodge.

54. Any mason suspended for non-payment of dues seeking reinstatement, shall, on payment of dues, be restored to membership in accordance with the constitution of grand lodge, without presenting such petition ; Provided, That if the lodge from which a mason shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made to the grand lodge.

55. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation ; and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership, and all the rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the lodge.

56. In all cases of restoration by the grand lodge, the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

57. In all cases of restoration by a private lodge, the brother is restored to all his masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his lodge.

#### MASTERS AND LODGES.

58. A worshipful master may be tried by his lodge after the expiration of his official term, for any unmasonic conduct (except for official misconduct, or a violation of his official obligations). All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four

weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

59. When a controversy shall arise between lodges, or between a lodge and its master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the grand secretary, who shall forward the same to the grand master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven and not less than three masters, or past masters, with, if consistent, the district deputy grand master as chairman, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the master: and such commission shall make such report, and give such opinion to the grand master, as will enable him to make a final decision.

60. When the master or other officer of a lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

#### NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

61. Any member of a lodge, who is in arrears for dues to such lodge, shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of such lodge in respect to the same, and the book of constitution.

62. In case no provision has been made in the by-laws of a lodge for notice to, and procedure against, a

member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted.

63. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the lodge to read out the name of such member in default, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to the last known address of such member.

64. In case such member shall not, before such next regular meeting of the lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the lodge may deem sufficient, the master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the secretary shall notify the brother of such suspension.

65. If any excuse be offered, the lodge shall decide by a majority whether the same is sufficient or not.

## APPENDIX B.

### FORMS.

#### I.—Form of Entry in a Minute Book of a Private Lodge.

MASONIC HALL,——

Minutes of the Regular meeting of——Lodge, No.—, held on  
——the——day of——A. D.——.

#### PRESENT.

W. Bro.———	W. M.	Bro.———	J. D.
“———	P. M.	“———	D. of Cer.
“———	S. W.	“———	Organist.
“———	J. W.	“———	Steward.
“———	Chaplain.	“———	“
“———	Treasurer.	“———	I. G.
“———	Secretary.	“———	Tyler.
“———	S. D.		

The names of all members present.

The names of visiting brethren, with the names of the Lodges to which they do or have belonged.

#### OPENING LODGE.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at——, (giving the hour).

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting (and subsequent emergencies, if any) were read and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The committee on the petition of Mr.——, a Candidate for Initiation, reported favorably (or unfavorably, as the case may be).

#### REPORTS—GENERAL.

The committee appointed to take into consideration (here state the subject), submitted their report, which was, on motion of Bro.——, seconded by Bro.——, received and adopted.

#### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Bro.——, seconded by Bro.——

The sum of——, in full of——account for——(or in part payment as the case may be), was ordered to be paid.

## PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES.

It was moved by Bro.—, seconded by Bro.—, and adopted (or rejected, as the case may be):

That the petition of Mr.— be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at the next regular meeting for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

(The same form is to be used for joining members, substituting the word "application" for "petition"; "Bro." for "Mr." and "to become a member" in the place of "for initiation," etc.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bro.—, —, and —, a Committee to make the necessary enquiries on the application of — for —, to report thereon at the next Regular Meeting.

## APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES.

The same form, only insert the specified business.

## BALLOT.

The W. M. ordered the ballot to be passed for Mr.—, a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was taken, and on examination, declared in favor of (or against) the Candidate, as may be.

(The same form will apply to joining members, using the term "Bro." for "Mr." and the words "became a member" for initiation, etc.)

## BOARD OF TRIAL.

The W. M. appointed Bros.—, —, a Board of Trial to put the necessary questions to Mr.— a candidate for initiation. If more than one, state their several names, and say "Candidates."

## INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

The Board of Trial, having reported to the W. M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and the Candidate having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry.

## PASSING.

Bro.— (or Bros.) a Candidate (or Candidates) for advance-



ment was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree at——(state the hour).

(No objection being made) Bro.— (or Bros.) having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the Second or Fellow Craft's Degree.

Bro.— (or Bros.) a Candidate (or Candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree at——(state the hour).

(No objection being made) Bro.— (or Bros.) having been found well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

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#### CALLING FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at——o'clock.

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#### CALLED FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

The Lodge resumed labor at——o'clock.

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#### CLOSING THE LODGE.

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the First Degree at——o'clock (state the time).

If opened in the Third Degree say "severally in the Third, Second and First"; if opened in the Second Degree, say "severally in the Second and First."

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date), A. L.

[*Master' Signature*]

——, W. M.

[*Secretary's Signature.*]

——, Sec'y.

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#### REGULATIONS.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Each Lodge must keep a book, or books, outside the Lodge-room for members and visitors to enter their names as they arrive, which it is the duty of the Tyler to see done before he gives notice of their being present.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; and

after having read the minutes of the previous regular meeting, those of any subsequent emergency are to be read for information.

Secretaries of Lodges should also keep a rough minute book (and never on any account use slips of paper) to enter the proceedings of the Lodge as they occur, and afterwards fairly copy them in the regular minute book, to which he must attach his signature ; and when they have been read and confirmed in open Lodge, the W. M. likewise signs them in the left hand corner.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from committees to move their reception, or their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move their reception and afterwards their adoption.

The Constitution declares twenty dollars (20) the lowest fee that can be charged for the Degrees of Freemasonry, which is to be paid previously to the Candidate's initiation. The sum also includes the fee for registering the Candidate's name in the Books of the Grand Lodge, and a Grand Lodge certificate.

The W. M. is responsible for the fees collected on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and it is his particular duty to see that the same are regularly forwarded with the returns.

In all cases, and under all circumstances, the Lodge must be opened in the First Degree, and in this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted. If a Candidate makes application for the Second Degree he must undergo an examination in open Lodge in the First Degree; he is then directed to retire. The Lodge is then opened in the Second Degree; and if it appears that the Candidate has made suitable proficiency he may be passed. The same may be said with reference to a Candidate for the Third Degree. If the candidate is found worthy he may be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and the Lodges are then closed down, commencing with the Third, next the Second, and lastly, the First.

Newly initiated candidates are required to sign the By-laws on the night of initiation, as an evidence of their membership and willingness of obedience to same.

## **2. Certificate of Standing (when a brother has paid all dues.)**

These presents are to certify that Bro.—— who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has resigned and withdrawn from membership of this Lodge, being——Lodge, numbered —— in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the

Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open Lodge on the ——— day of ———, A. L. 59—.

And further that he has paid all dues and retires in good standing.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this ——— day of ——— A. L. 59—, A. D. 19—, at ———, in the Province of Ontario.

(L. S.) ———

*Worshipful Master.*

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*Secretary.*

### **3. Certificate of Standing (when a brother is owing dues.)**

These presents are to certify that Bro. ———, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has resigned and withdrawn from the membership of this Lodge, being ——— Lodge, numbered ——— in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open Lodge on the ——— day of ———, A. L. 59—.

And further that his dues to this Lodge are ——— dollars.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this ——— day of ———, A. L. 59—, A. D. 19—, at ——— in the Province of Ontario.

(L.S.) ———

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